



**MINUTES OF NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NOAK BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL, COPPICE LANE, BASILDON, ESSEX, SS15 4JS  
ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30pm**

**CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Terri Sargent

**CLLR'S PRESENT:** Cllr Jane Bunting; Cllr Vicki Jarvis

**ALSO PRESENT:** ECC Cllr Tony Ball and Cllr Malcolm Buckley

**152/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies from Cllr Jane Bunting and Borough Cllr Stuart Allen

**153/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests by Members relating to any agenda items

Cllr Sargent declared non-pecuniary interest in item 147/2019 - Village Hall Hire Fee

**154/2020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

To receive and agree the minutes of Noak Bridge Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Proposed by Cllr Cottrell, seconded by Cllr Jarvis that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting - **Agreed**

**155/2020 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

The chairman reported the resident consultation report was posted the Council website. The Council were pleased with the report, it was clear, concise, easy to read and well presented. Stakeholders meetings had been arranged with representatives of Basildon & Brentwood CCG, Essex County Council Education and Highways. Letters had been sent to James Hornsby and Billericay schools to try to involve Noak Bridge students. The project planners will be attending a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March between 6.30 - 7.30pm to present to residents where we are with the NP and the need for the community to be involved

**156/2020 SPRING NEWSLETTER:**

The chairman reported a start had been made on the spring newsletter. It would be ready for printing and delivery before the March meeting

**157/2020 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

The new website was underway with documents in readiness for the transition and the closure of the current website by the end of March

**158/2020 STRENGTHENING POLICE POWERS TO TACKLE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT:**

The Council had responded to the online consultation and encouraged members of the public to do so before closure on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

**159/2020 COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

Project manager Paul Downes informed the Council how the new meeting room was progressing. Heating and sliding doors had been installed, the room was due to be decorated and carpet would be laid on completion. The Council thanked Paul for the time and effort he had put into bringing the project together

The chairman reported the need to explore companies who were able to repair or replace the wooden Bridgecote Lane Conservation Area sign. The Council felt it worthy of progressing as a community project, proposed by Cllr Cottrell and seconded by Cllr Jarvis - **Agreed**

**160/2020 BASILDON COUNCIL REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The Council agreed to adopt the revised code of conduct. Proposed Cllr Jarvis and seconded by Cllr Cottrell - **Agreed**

**161/2020 FINANCE:**

- 1) Monthly Budget and Financial Report
- 2) Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- 3) Cheque Authorisation Report
- 4) January payments noted – Clearview Maintenance £298.80; Village Hall Hire £480.00; Neighbourhood Plan Expenses £1,850.00
- 5) Payments

The Council noted the budget, financial report and previous payments

The monthly bank reconciliation, cheque authorisation and payments

Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Cottrell - **Agreed**

Payee	Amount
BT Quarterly Broadband	£258.60
Clearview CCTV Remote Access	£274.80
Village Hall Meeting Room Project - Total	£3,110.63
February Noak Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Expenses	£0

**162/2020 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**20/00046/FULL Location: 14 Saling Green, Noak Bridge**

Demolish Conservatory and construct single storey rear extension - **No objection**

**20/00002/S211 Location: 9 Saling Green, Noak Bridge**

Section 211 Notice- (Cedar Tree) crown reduction back to pruning points to prevent tree from touching the house - **No objection**

**20/00132/FULL Location: Watch House Farm, 1 Wash Road, Laindon**

All weather surfacing over existing unsurfaced farmyard area - **No objection**

**163/2020 BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL - COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2020:**

The Council discussed the community governance review

Cllr Ball informed the Council on their response to the Community Governance Review they should be aware of the pending Government white paper on devolution and the role of Parishes would increase and they will work closer with the authorities

Cllr Buckley commented on Basildon Council setting up the Wickford Town Council Shadow Town Council rather than establishing them as a Town Council. It created bureaucracy did not represent value for money and was not democratic

The chairman to send a response to Basildon Council

**164/2020 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:**

Cllr Buckley commented on the issues of Climate Change and the budget. Lord Randell to chair a commission to direct Essex policy. It would focus on business and have a budget to spend improving the Environment in Essex. Tree planting programme of 375,000, Local Councils can make requests to Essex County Council. Emailed suggestions for Highway projects were invited

Cllr Ball reported Essex County Council rated in top 10 Councils for efficiency in the UK; The Council tax for 2020/21 is 1.9% general fund & 2.0% for adult social care  
Funding for: Highways, white lines, footways, improved lighting and pot holes; 1,700 more school places. Additional funding to resolve: homeless; rough sleepers; mental health and wellbeing; summer camps; knife crime and gangs; carers living wage  
Basildon is not supplying enough new housing at present

**165/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 10 MINUTES MAXIMUM:**

Resident items:

Consultation on Unauthorised Encampment, reduce to one vehicle for police action  
Disparity on the amount of Council Tax paid between properties not of a similar size  
Parking on Green Verges in Bridgecote Lane; Grasscrete was a suggested solution  
Street Light in Crouch Street replaced with non- conservation area style lamp  
Light now shining directly into properties

**166/2020 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Correspondence was noted

**167/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

To note the next meeting date  
**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Date.....